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### THE CITY'S NEED

St. Helens is a large corporation. It has property valued at nearly \$1,000,000. It has a waterfront which would afford desirable sites for manufacturing purposes. It has a great country back of it, a country which is being rapidly developed and such development means the further growth of St. Helens. St. Helens has the natural resources, and they must be developed. The city should continue to grow, and with such growth comes problems which must be solved for the city's good. The city's business should be attended to. Some man or men of business, should and must take hold of the city's business. The manner in which the business of the city is now handled is deplorable, to say the least. The city needs a business manager. No reflection is cast upon the mayor or the city council, but they are busy men and attending to their own private affairs. They do not have the spare time necessary to properly conduct the affairs of the city, so the city's business suffers for want of attention. A city election will be held in April. It would be a good idea to amend the charter so as to have some one whose whole time is at the disposal of the city and who will attend to the business of the city. If St. Helens is to grow and prosper and have its business affairs attended to with the same attention that is given to private enterprises, there must be a guiding hand.

### WOULD YOU?

If you were going to build a house—and you owned one lot—and you were sure of that fact, and you thought you had some sort of a claim on another lot—but you were not quite sure about it—but you would like to know just how you stood—would you build your \$5000 house on the property you knew was yours and for which you had a deed, or—would you start to build on the lot the ownership to which was doubtful, just to show the other fellow that you thought the lot belonged to you?

You would build on your own lot, wouldn't you? This is applicable to the building of the city dock, but Mayor Saxon does not look upon it in the same light that you would. By building the dock on property claimed by both the city and an individual, he reasons that the ownership of the property in question can be determined.

Isn't it time for the people interested in St. Helens to wake up?

The Salem Journal says "Consolidation talk has begun in the legislature and it will end in the accomplishment of absolutely nothing, just as it always does. If commissions are consolidated, it might be necessary to abolish a number of offices and this will never be done in Oregon."

### WOULD BE UNWISE

It would not be wise to grant the request of H. F. McCormick relative to allowing the Postal Telegraph Company to use the Light & Power company's poles from the depot to St. Helens and dismantle the fire alarm system. This system is not now in use, but the efficiency of the present system has not been tried out for such a time as to indicate its feasibility. It would be far better for the city to pay the Light & Power company a nominal rental for the use of the poles and keep the old alarm system as it is until such time as the present "zone" system has proven its superiority over the former system. The Mist hopes the mayor will take the same view of the matter, for it is quite important from the city's standpoint.

The Mist acknowledges the receipt of two books entitled "Fuel Facts" which were sent by the U. S. Fuel Administration. The books are identical. Sixty-four pages are necessary to enumerate the accomplishments of the fuel administration under the democratic administration. However, the fuel administration is not so extravagant with paper as was the Honorable McAdoo, for his numerous booklets are printed on only one side of the paper, while the fuel administration, has practiced economy in paper consumption and allowed the government printing office to print on both sides of a sheet. The books contain the names of the fuel administrators in every state, so if any democratic candidate wants help, he has a ready reference book.

The best argument we have heard as to prohibition was the statement of an employee of a mercantile adjusting bureau, who was recently in St. Helens. He said that before Oregon went dry, his concern employed six men in looking after bankrupt stocks and failures. At the present time, only one man is employed because "there have been so few failures since Oregon went dry." Column after column may be written as to the reasons for and advantages of prohibition, but a better argument could not be made than the one sentence of the man quoted above.

Here are a few of the things the prohibition constitutional amendment will do: Wipe out at a stroke 236 distilleries; 992 breweries and more than 300,000 saloons, forcing employees to seek other jobs. Cut off these persons from an annual income of more than \$70,000,000 in pre-war times. Cut off from the United States treasury a source of taxation counted on for about one billion dollars in the first drafts of the new revenue bill, and also millions of dollars as state and city incomes.

Evidently, Representative Ballagh does not think much of the recommendations of the county court nor of the budget meeting. After having safely put through the bills he has introduced, he should introduce a bill to do away with the budget meeting in Columbia county and leave the whole matter to the representative—provided, Ballagh is the representative.

Press reports state that the ex-kaiser spends a considerable portion of his time sawing wood. The old phrase "Say nothing but saw wood" is applicable for it is not recorded that William has recently made any utterances as to "Gott mit uns."

It is said that the former Crown Prince of Germany spends most of his time with his favorite greyhound, showing that a greyhound has not enough judgment to take advantage of its superior speed.—Chicago News.

Phillips Brooks once said: "Come take that task of yours which you have been hesitating before and shrinking and walking around, and on this very day lift it up and do it."

Why is a budget meeting?

Oregon lost a good citizen when H. L. Pittock passed away. He helped to make the Oregonian great, and the Oregonian, in turn, played its part in making Oregon great.

Representative Ballagh, can at least, lay claim to being one of the most generous members of the legislature

Just because the kaiser is sawing wood is no sign he is looking for the "nigger in the woodpile."

Great men seldom live to extreme old age, but that is nothing for most of us to worry about.

Timidity in a woman may win love but in a man it wins kicks.

Deer meat is dear meat when out of season.

### OREGON WANTS MANY TOURISTS

Oregon will act as host this summer to the National Editorial association as one of the results of the activities of the Pacific Northwest Tourist association. This body of men and women is made up of the brightest minds in the newspaper world and the results that will accrue from a publicity standpoint are beyond all computation. During the past two years the Tourist association representing Oregon, Washington and British Columbia has spent \$112,000 to attract tourists to the Pacific Northwest and the results have been far beyond expectation when war conditions are taken into consideration. That Oregon has received the greater benefit over the other commonwealths is evident in the attendance at Crater Lake. There are 11 national parks in the United States and all but two showed a decrease in attendance except Crater Lake and Rainier National. Crater Lake showed an increase of between 25 and 40 per cent and nearly 50,000 people visited Rainier National while all parts of the Pacific Northwest were included in the various phases of publicity.

The total expenditure of the tourists and vacation seeker per annum is not less than one billion dollars and it is to secure our fair share of this immense revenue that this association exists.

It is safe to say that within a very short time the Pacific Northwest—and it can be demonstrated by figures—can derive from fifty to one hundred million dollars of actual cash from the encouragement of this travel. This cash remains in the Pacific Northwest. It is not sent out for any raw material, nor for any other commodity, but remains here to help every individual citizen in the development of his business, and in the payment of his taxes and the tourist is absolutely the forerunner of the settler, the new investor and the manufacturer.

Travel by rail was discouraged last year and as far as going abroad is concerned there will be nothing doing this year. The war is over and the people have the money and a desire to travel. We have so far expended \$112,000, to attract attention to the greatest asset we have and we only need to keep up the work to secure returns based on this expenditure far beyond the desires of the most avaricious. To illustrate: the Park to Park Highway association at a recent meeting in Spokane reported 10,000 machines entering Spokane over the Yellowstone highway with an average of four in a machine. Suppose these machines were gathered in Spokane in one day. You know what it costs you to travel. Take this amount and multiply it by 40,000 and look at the total and this is the way this new money that costs practically nothing to get flows in a steady stream into our lap. House Bill 76 calls for another appropriation to cover the same amount asked for two years ago for the coming two years and dependent upon Washington and British Columbia following with the same amount they gave previously. No appropriation has secured more for Oregon or been better administered. The work is under the constant attention of some of our leading business men who give their time free of charge and pay their own expenses when attending the meetings of the board of directors.

The state revenues are used to develop every other asset, either by maintaining departments, enforcement of laws, maintaining institutions and the building of roads and bridges and the simplest way to increase these revenues is by a development more potent than any that has gone before which will result in the coming here of thousands of men and women, who will see us as we are and who will in a large measure either remain permanently or leave their money for investments.

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Arrive at St. Helens 4:45 p. m.

C. I. HOOCHKIRK

### THE NIGHTINGALE

By Minna Irving in New York Sun

The guns were still above the hill  
In regal splendor rose the moon,  
And from the woodland's dusky  
heart

I heard the trickle of a tune,  
I followed it through bush and brier,  
And in a deep and dewy dale  
I found a wooden cross, and lo!  
Above it sang a nightingale.

Upon the mound below the cross  
Parts of a shattered airplane lay,  
Scorched, battered remnants that  
had once

Soared in the flaming eye of day,  
Proud pinions that above the clouds  
Defied the lightning and the gale,  
O'er which in vernal solitude  
Now sweetly trilled the nightingale.

That song! It bubbled and it soared,  
As once had soared the map-made  
bird

That now upon that lonely grave  
To neither breeze nor motor stirred,  
And then as down to earth the plane  
Had dropped beneath the leaden  
hall,

The stream of liquid music died,  
And silent sat the nightingale.

I bared my head, I did not know:  
What aviator brave and young  
Slept there beneath his wrecked machine,

But I had heard his requiem sung;  
The altar was his broken plane,  
The candles were the moonbeams  
pale,  
The incense wandering airs of night,  
The chorister the nightingale.

### COL. ROOSEVELT'S SHORTEST SPEECH

"Among the hundreds of speeches made by Colonel Roosevelt the shortest one occurred as follows," says James T. DuBois, of Fellsme, Fla. "It was during the campaign which made him president. He was speaking from the rear platform of a special train. The engineer, who was running in advance of the schedule of a fast express, had orders to keep his time, no matter who was speaking. The special was running a few minutes late. I had been selected by the committee to introduce Colonel Roosevelt to the crowd at the stations. At one place I stepped quickly to the rear platform and found myself facing several thousand people. I said: 'Fellow citizens, I introduce you to your next President. He will live in your hearts forever and pay no rent.' Colonel Roosevelt stepped to the platform and said: 'Fellow citizens, I am delighted to see you. 'Toot! toot!' sounded the engineer, and we moved quickly on. The Colonel turned to me laughing and said: 'That's the shortest speech of my life.'"

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FRANK SHEPARD, Prop.

### SCHEDULE

	A. M.	P. M.
Lv. St. Helens.....	7:30	1:30
Warren .....	7:45	1:45
Scappoose .....	8:00	2:00
Ar. Portland .....	9:20	3:20
Lv. Portland .....	10:00	4:00
Ar. St. Helens.....	11:50	6:50

Saturdays and Sundays

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### Problems of Peace

RECONSTRUCTION days bring us face to face with these tasks:

- 1—Caring for our home coming soldier boys.
- 2—Readjustment of Business from War to Peace basis.
- 3—Developing the Resources of Columbia County more fully.

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